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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting, 1 December 1959

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| AEC | - Mrs. Doris M. Freer | |
| AIR | - Maj. George Kudravetz | |
| ARMY | - Gerald C. Cooney, Alternate | |
| JS | - Capt. E.G. Gardner, Jr. | 25X1A |
| NAVY | - Lt. Cir. Donald L. Southall | |
| MSA | - [REDACTED] | |
| OSD | - Howard E. Barkey | |
| STATE | - John J. Morris, Alternate | |
| CIA | - [REDACTED] Chairman | 25X1A9a |
| | - [REDACTED] Secretary | |

OTHERS PARTICIPATING

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| LC | - Lewis C. Coffin | |
| HLM | - Dr. Frank B. Rogers | |
| NSF | - Scott Adams | 25X1A9a |
| STATE | - John J. Morrow | |
| USDA | - Kirby B. Payne | |
| USIA | - L. King Quan | |
| CIA | - [REDACTED] | |
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1. Minutes of 5 November Special Meeting. The Department of State alternate member reserved the right to recommend revision of the Minutes at a later date. The JS member questioned listing the non-USIB agency representatives among the "Members Present". It was agreed that future Minutes will list USIB members first, then "Others Participating".

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2. Security Classification of Committee Titles and Associations. The Chairman postponed discussion of the first item on the agenda (Emergency Planning) to the end of the meeting and took up discussion of the Security classification of Committee titles and associations (Memorandum of 6 November 1959 from Executive Secretary, USIB). The following were agreed upon:

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| a. Title of Committee | Unclassified |
| b. Short title of Committee | Unclassified |
| c. Identification of Chairman or Secretary of Committee | Unclassified |
| d. Association of individual members with Committee | Unclassified |
| e. USIB agencies' associations with Committee | For Official Use Only |
| f. Non-USIB agencies' associations with Committee | Unclassified |
| g. General functions of Committee | Confidential (in conformity with DCID 2/5) |

The Secretary of PROCIB was instructed to convey the above recommendations to the Executive Secretary, USIB. (This was done 1 December 1959.)

3. Proposed Publications Officer Conference. The Chairman reported that he had suggested to the Department of State by a letter of 5 November 1959, that a conference of appropriate publications officers be called at Cairo. The State alternate member said the proposal is being considered in the Department but, in view of the fact that approval of the proposal would involve expenditure of travel funds for at least five publications officers, a strong justification would be helpful. The Chairman agreed to provide this, together with a proposed agenda for the conference. He also invited PROCIB members and participants to send delegates to the proposed conference.

4. Status Report on PL 480 Program. The Chairman asked the Library of Congress representative to review the current situation regarding the availability of funds in certain foreign countries under the PL 480 program. Mr. Coffin, LC, reported on a meeting at the Library of Congress, 16 November 1959, of an Advisory Committee on Public Law 480. Copies of a summary of the discussion are being distributed to those PROCIB members and representatives who do not as yet have copies.

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5. Contributions to the USSR Want List. The Chairman requested that the Army get in its contributions to the USSR want list as soon as possible, so that the list can be sent out for further procurement action.

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6. Problems Regarding the Procurement of Communist Chinese Publications.

The Chairman introduced [redacted] Chief of the Acquisitions Branch of the CIA Library, who gave a presentation of the most current information regarding the embargo being put into effect by the Communist Chinese on many of their publications. He gave a précis of procurement sources, pointing out the good service we are getting at the present time on Communist Chinese newspapers through U. S. Embassy, Moscow. A review of some of the November issues received gives no indication as to the reason for the current and proposed embargo. One suggestion is that the embargo is the result of a paper shortage, coupled with embarrassingly poor quality paper. The National Science Foundation had reported the impending embargo with regard to scientific and technical publications thru London. Alternate sources of procurement have been alerted to the problem. [redacted] reported that the Exploitation Committee is concerned about the fact that the embargo might make the receipt of certain Communist Chinese publications a classified matter thus requiring classification of the end product. The Exploitation Committee is also concerned about the future of the Hong Kong Press Monitoring Service if the sources for its publications dry up. The non-USIB agencies may be hard hit by the embargo; it was suggested that they be prepared to microfilm USIB agency receipts of interest. In connection with this, the problems raised by single-copy receipts were mentioned; many requirements for the same item, establishment of priorities, etc. Mr. [redacted] was requested to provide listings of Communist Chinese titles being currently received.

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7. Report on the CIA Library Acquisitions Program. Copies of a Report on the CIA Library Acquisitions Program (PROCIB-D-19) were distributed. The Chairman gave the background: he and [redacted] attended the January 1959 Chicago meeting of the Association of Research Libraries, where the Chairman made a presentation on CIA acquisitions. The ensuing discussion raised questions requiring more detailed information, [redacted]

[redacted] was requested to visit CIA and submit a report to the members of the Association of Research Libraries.

8. Emergency Planning. The Chairman reported that concurrences had been received on PROCIB-D-15/2 from AEC, NSA, State and all the non-USIB agency representatives; non-concurrence from JS, OSD, Army, Air and OSI. There was discussion on whether the non-USIB agency representatives should be included in the further review of emergency planning, finally settled by a majority vote for their exclusion. After the departure of the non-USIB agency representatives, the Chairman called attention to the most recent USIB schedule for emergency planning, i.e. draft plans will be referred to the Steering Committee for informal comments, which then will be returned to PROCIB for review and the submission of final plans in early January 1960. He called on the JS member to present the views of the group which did

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not concur in PROCIB-D-15/2. The JS member submitted a Working Draft (PROCIB-D-15/4, TAB A) which stated the views of his Working Group, consisting of Air, Army, Navy, and OSD representatives. The JS member emphasized the coordination responsibility of CIA and the advisory role of PROCIB. Considerable discussion ensued on the following points, among others:

- a. desirability of concrete versus general plan
- b. role of non-USIB agencies in emergency planning
- c. the place of exploitation in the Working Draft

The Chairman then asked for a vote on the matter of sending forward to USIB two papers: one (PROCIB-D-15/3) representing the consensus of AEC, NSA, State and CIA, the other (PROCIB-D-15/4, TAB A) representing the consensus of Air, Army, Navy, OSD and JS. Approved. The JS member asked whether those approving PROCIB-D-15/3 would consider approving his Working Draft if certain changes were made. They would not. The JS member reiterated his position that PROCIB has no responsibility for suggesting a specific plan for operation. The Chairman then stated that the two papers will be forwarded to USIB with a covering memorandum agreed upon at this meeting. He concluded by stating his own conviction that the non-USIB agencies have a material contribution to make to the intelligence procurement effort in time of emergency.

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